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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FRG-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT: FRG TO PROCEED WITH
LICENSE ISSUE.

REF: STATE 76179

1. AS THIS EMBASSY HAS CONSISTENTLY SAID, RESOLUTION OF
THE NUCLEAR ISSUE, IN AN MANNER CONSISTENT WITH U.S. POLICY
AND INTERESTS, IS, IN OUR VIEW, DEPENDENT UPON MOVEMENT BY
THE FRG. OUR ESTIMATE HAS BEEN THAT THE GOB COULD NOT BE
MOVED ON ITS OWN, UNLESS IT WAS PERSUADED THAT ITS GERMAN
PARTNER WAS NO LONGER RELIABLE BUT MOVING TOWARD ACCEPTANCE
OF THE US POSITION.

2. THE GERMAN DECISION, REPORTED IN REFTTEL, WILL BE
HAILED AS A TRIUMPH OVER THE USG IN BRAZIL AND WILL REDUCE THE
CHANCES OF BRAZILIAN FLEXIBILITY TO NEXT TO NIL. WHAT
GLIMMERS OF MOVEMENT ON THE PART OF THE GOB WAS HAVE HAD
IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS HAVE BEEN, WE BELIEVE, THE RESULT
OF BRAZILIAN NERVOUSNESS ABOUT GERMAN STEADFASTNESS.
AS WE SEE IT, THIS ELEMENT HAS BEEN ELIMINATED BY THE GERMAN
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3. THE EFFECTS OF THE GERMAN DECISION ON BRAZILIAN
PERCEPTIONS COULD BE MITIGATED ONLY BY A GERMAN STATE-
MENT THAT INDICATED A READINESS TO LOOK AT FUTURE STEPS
IN THE PROCESS OF THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE
LIGHT OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS, SUCH AS FUTURE
PROGRESS IN THE PROPOSED MULTILATERAL NON-PROLIFERATION
PROGRAM. FROM WHAT IS KNOWN HERE, SUCH A GERMAN STATE-

MENT COULD BE BROUGHT ABOUT ONLY BY STRONG NEW U.S. PRESSURES ON THE FRG, WHICH WE DDDUCE ARE NOT IN THE CARDS.

4. WE HAVE TO ASSUME THAT FINANCE MINISTER SIMONSEN HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. THE NATURE OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL, THEREFORE, MAY TURN OUT TO BE VERY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ORIGINALLY INTENDED.

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